Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, January 31, 1887.

A meeting of the City Council was held Jan 31st. Present:—Mayor Cowan, Ald. Taylor, Davis, McDonald, Greer, Bowman, Hook, Stringer, Moore, McIntosh, Hesman, Vining, Jarvis, H. Taylor, Moule and Dreaney.

Communications were read from the City Solicitor relating what had been done in the action against the city for the pollution of the river by emptying sewage into it, and asking whether he should appeal the case

On motion of Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Hook, it was decided to lay the consideration of the communication over to a special meeting to be called by the Mayor.

James Lutman—Application for the position of Assistant Relief Officer. Filed.

James McNight—Claiming illegal assessment for dog tax No. 1.

Mrs Kiaf, 771 King street—Application for remission of taxes. No. 1

F. Westlake—For a reduction of taxes on two vacant houses in Maple Terrace. Court of Revision.

J. F. Cryer—Application for reduction of taxes on the Women's Refuge building, vacant for a long time. Court of Revision.

From E. S. Jarvis—Giving notice of his intention of vacating the room he occupies in the Fifth Ward Town Hall, unless the rent is lowered. No 1

Flock & Flock—Stating that they hold a mortgage for $500 on Mrs Johnston's property on Lyman street, on which an application for reduction of taxes has been made. No. 1.

From George McBroom — Enclosing resolution passed at the last meeting of the City of London Horticultural Society, in regard to two representatives from the City Council and the Board of Trade being appointed to confer with an equal number from the Society in regard to the next Fair. No. 2.

Sarah Leonard—Petition for remission of license for junk shop. No. 3.

From Mr. W. R Meredith, M. P P.—I send you herewith some papers showing the action which is being taken in Kingston for the purpose of establishing a School of Science there in connection with Queen's University. No doubt a strong case will be made out by Eastern Ontario, and it has occurred to me that it might be desirable that some action should be taken by London to secure a similar school for the West. No doubt Kingston and its friends would join with us, and each could assist the other. London has claims that should entitle her to this, her claims to a Normal School having been hitherto passed over I shall be glad to co operate with you in any steps you may take to carry out the suggestion I have made. Referred to No 1 Committee.

From Francis Love, under date Jan 31, as follows:—On behalf of Mr William Baskerville, late Assistant Health Inspector, I beg leave to inform you that Mr Baskerville appeared before No. 3 Committee of the Council last Wednesday evening, to lay before the Committee his explanation and defence with reference to the charges against him, which were the alleged grounds for his dismissal; but was there refused a hearing; and in justice to my client I would ask your honorable body to appoint an Investigating Committee to enquire into the alleged charges, and thus give Mr. Baskerville a chance to defend himself. To be dealt with after No. 3 report.

From Peter Allaster, application for the position of Assessor of No. 5 Ward, or assistant Assessor Laid over till the appointment of Assessors No. 1

T. A Browne, application for the use of the City Hall on Monday evening, February 21st, for a Reform meeting.

Ald. Macdonald moved, seconded by Ald. Hesman, that the Hall be granted free. Carried.